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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: MURPHY/ STEELE REPORT

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1. MURPHY/ STEELE REP

RT BY AND LARGE TREATS ARGENTINE SITUATION
ACCURATELY. EMBASSY COMMENTS RELATE TO VARIOUS ASPECTS, WHICH
WERE NOT ESSENTIAL TO REPORT BUT COULD SOUR OUR RELATIONS
WITH GOA AND ARGENTINE PUBLIC.

2. REMOVAL FEDERAL POLICE OFFICER: EMBASSY DELIEVES DISCLOSURE
FACT THAT BNDD SOURCE OF INFORMATION WHICH LED TO REMOVAL
OF OFFICIAL NOT IN INTEREST EITHER FEDERAL POLICE OR BNDD.
ARGENTINE PUBLIC NOT AWARE THIS FACT AND ARGENTINE OFFICIALS
NOT LIKELY APPRECIATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE THAT USG OFFICIALS
FINGERING ARGENTINE OFFICIALS. INFO WAS GIVEN TO CODEL IN
CONFIDENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH
AMEMBASSY PANAMA OBSERVATIONS (REF PANAMA 1972).

3. SEPARATE NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES ALREADY ESTABLISHED
IN MANY COUNTRIES AND IN PROCESS IN ARGENTINA. WHAT ARGENTINA
HOPES IS THAT VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL AGREE EXCHANGE NARCOTICS
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INTELLIGENCE ON TIMELY BASIS, WHETHER THROUGH EXISTING AGENCIES OR THROUGH CENTRALIZED AGENCY IN EACH COUNTRY.

4. SUGGESTIONS FOR GRANTING FEDERAL POLICE COUNTRY- WIDE AUTHORITY

IN NARCOTICS MATTERS BEING STUDIED IN MIN JUSTICE. HOWEVER NO ACTION LIKELY TO BE TAKEN UNTIL NEW GOVT BEEVIOUS POLICIES BY RECOGNIZING PRC AND

TERMINATING ALL MILITARY AID TO SVN. AUSTRALIA ALSO EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS A0 OUT SEATO AS A MILITARY PACT; THE UNITED STATES POINTED OUT CONTINUING USEFULNESS OF ALLIANCE IN LIGHT OF TENSIONS THAT WOULD LIKELY REMAIN IN WAKE OF A VIETNAM SETTLEMENT. BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION OF CONTINUING STRONG TIES WITH US, INCLUDING ANZUS PACT, AND OF STRENGTHENING TIES WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA.

PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE IN THEIR REGION, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND PARTICIPATE WITH UK, MALAYSIA, AND SINGAPORE IN THE FPDA. THEY ALSO WORKED WITH OTHER NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC (FIJI, WESTERN SAMOA, NAURU, TONGA, AND THE COOK ISLANDS) TO ESTABLISH IN 1971 SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM, AND IN 1972 ITS AUXILIARY, SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU FOR ECONOMIC COORDINATION; AND THEY WORK WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA IN ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNCIL (ASPAC).

BILATERALLY, AUSTRALIA PROVIDES GENEROUS ASSISTANCE TO ITS NEAR NEIGHBOR TO NORTH, INDONESIA, AND TO ITS NEIGHBORS IN THE PACIFIC, THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES OF FIJI, WESTERN SAMOA, AND TONGA. NEW ZEALAND HAS CONCENTRATED ITS AID ASSISTANCE ON ITS PACIFIC ISLAND NEIGHBORS AND ON OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA.

SINCE 1945, AUSTRALIA HAS DEVOTED NEARLY DOLLARS 2 BILLION TO EXTERNAL AID. IN 1972 SOME DOLLARS 264 MILLION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WENT TO OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. OF 16 MEMBERS OF THE DEVECOPTMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (DAC), AUSTRALIA IN 1971 RANKED FOURTH IN OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN RELATION TO GNP. NEW ZEALAND INCREASED AID EXPENDITURE IN 1972-73 TO OVER DOLLARS 18 MILLION, UP FROM DOLLARE 13 MILLION THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SUBSTANTIAL PART OF INCREASE WILL GO TO ASSIST BANGLADESH AND INDONESIA AS

WELL AS THE COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA. BOTH
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALANDFUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR LUTTRELL IF
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